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PERSPECTIVE - V

Highlighting the series of speakers who have been presented to the Yale community by the News-WYBC sponsored feature *Perspective* will be a panel discussion entitled *Is American Literature Selling America Short.*

The panel is studded with stellar literary critics chosen from the Yale faculty. They are Robert Penn Warren, a former Pulitzer Prize winner; Norman Holmes Pearson, noted authority and critic of American literature; and Jacques Guicharnaud, an outstanding personality in the field of continental literature and intellectual development. Moderator of the panel will be Cushing Strout, a member of the history department and instructor of a course in American intellectual background.

The featured member of the panel is the Kentucky-born Rhodes Scholar, Robert Penn Warren. Mr. Warren is one of the outstanding contemporary American authors and has received wide recognition for his works. Author of four novels and three books of poems, he was awarded the Pulitzer prize for *All the King's Men* in 1945 and the American Academy Prize in 1944 for his *Selected Poems: 1923-1943.* His current publication, *Band of Angels,* is attracting wide interest among critics and has climbed to the ranks of national best-seller lists.

Mr. Warren is the only contemporary writer who is also respected in the field of literary criticism. In joint authorship with Cleanth Brooks he has published a widely used textbook entitled *Understanding Poetry.* He now teaches a class of both theory and practice in fiction.

The panel discussion will be held in 201 Harkness Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at nine P.M. The discussion will be broadcast simultaneously over WYBC.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

As everyone knows, the Christmas season is upon us again. There are undoubtedly many people wondering just how in the world time could fly by so fast. We find ourselves in the same situation. We begin to think back to last summer when we were lying on a beach soaking up the sun, or up in the mountains fishing, and it seems like only yesterday. This is the time of year for nostalgia. We think of last Christmas and the many parties and the good times. We wonder if it is really all here so soon again.

It is here again, and nobody is really unhappy that the days fly by so quickly. This is the time of the year when troubles are forgotten for nineteen glorious days. The staff of the *Microphone* wants to thank everybody for their many comments and suggestions this past Fall, and we wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Finitude

Mark N. Finston

Today I shall run through some things that have proved inexplicable to listeners in the past. For example, every weekday between 9 and 1 we broadcast the famed '640 Music Room'. During this show we receive phone calls from helpful listeners who inform us that our engineer has fallen asleep, as there are long pauses between the instrumental records. To clear this misconception up be informed that there is *no* engineer. The entire show is piped in from Hartford by the Muzak Corporation; please address all sleepy engineer complaints to them.

Yale students can never understand 'where you guys get those records!' I admit that some of the records heard are very strange. Now, small stations such as WYBC have to pay for most of the records received from major companies. Small companies send gratis much rock, roll, rock and roll, and other weird music by struggling young artists, mostly rock and rollers. Naturally we have to play this stuff once before record librarian Bowers throws it out.

Sometimes we're confused. The 6:00 news has never been one of our more popular programs, as almost everyone is at dinner. Consider the plight of Jack Barber who declared he would not quote hog prices. His joke led to so many anxious phone calls that he missed dinner.

Voiceless Radio

Probably one of the most frequent criticisms of any radio station is that there is too much talking. We try to steer clear of this kind of criticism at WYBC, but if you want shows where there is nothing but good music, WYBC offers two every day except Saturday and Sunday. These two shows are called *The 640 Music Room,* lasting from 9:00 in the morning until 1:00 in the afternoon, and the other is the *WYBC Supper Club,* lasting from 6:10 till 7:00 in the evening.

Muzak

The 640 Music Room does not originate at WYBC, but is piped in, as they say in the radio jargon, from Hartford. It is Muzak such as is heard in many restaurants and other places. There is no talking at all, and very often there are restful breaks between different selections, providing good listening during the morning hours when you are cramming for an hour test or trying to finish a paper before class time, or whether you are just sitting around doing nothing before or between classes.

The *WYBC Supper Club* is fifty minutes of good music from the record files of WYBC. The show is designed to serve as a restful break between dinner and studying, or even before dinner to more or less calm jangled nerves to better digest your dinner. Whatever your ailment is, around dinner time, the *WYBC Supper Club* is a perfect antidote for it.

So for you people who hate disc jockeys, and the number is limited, or for you people who just are tired of listening to your roomates talking, *The 640 Music Room* in the morning and the *WYBC Supper Club* in the eveing are very pleasant.

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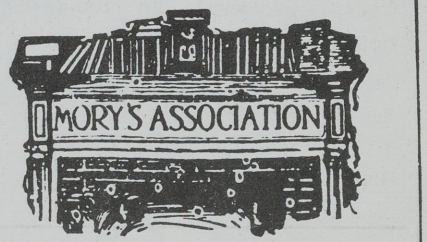

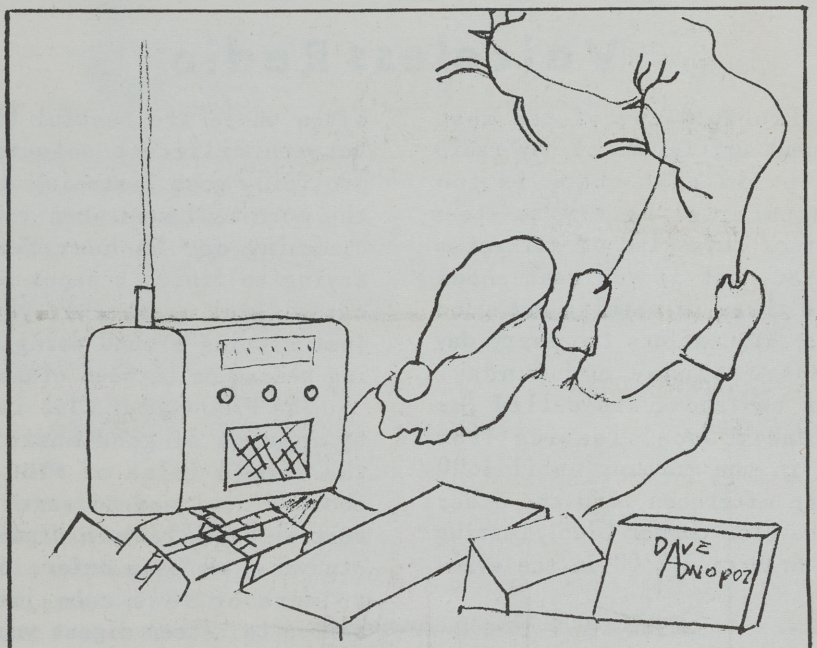

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